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The Senate Rules.

Mr. Cummins wants a change in the Senate rules. A particular thing moves good company whenever he can, and once him. It is the tariff. His object is to a year at least with the company of make it possible to reach that subject those bearing a burden akin to his own. without undue delay, and then proceed with it by the separate schedule suggestion. He is expected to speak to his motion, and there can be no doubt that when he takes the floor he will have attention. It is said of the Senate that business is tion known as Lafayette Square is given conducted there by unanimous consent, a completed equipment of revolutionary No debate can be closed while there is a figures at the four corners, Lafayette senator asking a hearing and ready to himself at the southeast. Rochambeau at proceed. The previous question is un- the southwest, Kosciuszko at the northknown. A proposition to change the east and von Steuben at the northwest. rules is itself subject to unlimited de- An appropriate central figure in this rebate. So that after Mr. Cummins and markable group of European friends of his friends have teen heard in support of the infant republic is, however, lacking. his motion, the other side will have a The place of honor in the square is occufree hand; and who may predict the day pied by the bronze effigy of one of Amerfor a vote if the other side is strong in ica's great men, Andrew Jackson, twice numbers and purpose?

There have been eminent members of hero of its second war. Jackson was not the Senate in the past quarter century a revolutionary figure, and he has no favorable to a check on debate in that place in the group of statues opposite the body, and to other changes in the pro- White House, however the nation may cedure. David B. Hill was one, and he honor him by a conspicuous memorial who proposed to you has no income worth ranked high among parliamentarians. But at the capital. One man alone fits into mentioning?" as eminent members as he opposed, and this scheme of revolutionary figures, the

House and the cry of czarism was rife. loyalty, who inspired them to their sac- a deadhead!" A phrase of that day was that "the Sen- rifices-George Washington. ate is the refuge of the minority." Sena- In this city which bears the name of tors were urged not to take any step the first President there are two public which would bring their chamber into memorials to him, the wonderful white kinship with the House, which, as an shaft by the river bank, which stands other phrase of that day had it, had unique among all commemorative struc-"ceased to be a deliberative body." Sena- tures, a perfect symbol of the man and tor Turple of Indiana delivered a long his work; and a totally inadequate equesspeech, which was much admired, trian statue, which has been perhaps forprotesting against any change in the tunately hidden from general view by its senatorial order of business.

It will be of moment to note the atti- the line of general traffic. It would mins proposition. They are expecting to be transferred to the central position in the actors were saying!" control the Senate after March 4, 1913, what should be formally styled Revoluwith votes of their own, and they may tion Square. Its artistic qualities do not decide to stand pat on Senate forms of warrant so conspicuous an emplacement. procedure until then. They are not as But there is no adequate reason why yet committed to the schedule-by schedule Congress should not now proceed to protreatment of the tariff question, or, for vide a truly impressive bronze portrait are far apart on the subject of raw ma- ervation. terials, and when the tariff is taken up they will need elbow room in which to the removal of the Jackson statue from settle their differences.

Still, Mr. Cummins' resolution is a not- need not be a permanent obstruction to able opening gun of the session, and all this suggested course. There are numer- And gayly cheered at the defeat should we come it. Let discussion thrive, ous places in Washington where Andrew, in the Senate and out of it.

The District's Needs.

Evidence of the inadequacy of congres- the Lafayette statue, now standing at sional attention to District affairs is af- the southeast corner of the square, in the Full many a sunny day has passed. forded by the annual report of the Com- center of the park and a protest arose missioners. The major part of the re- which prevented the execution of the deport consists in recommendations that sign. It may be unknown to many Washhave previously been made and against ingtonians that there is actually in exwhich there is no serious objection. istence today a concrete foundation for Boards of Commissioners have been urg- such a statue at the central point of the And other boys out in the street ing some of these propositions for years. south side of the square, where the then Others are of comparatively recent in- Secretary of War undertook to locate the ception. Taken altogether they form an Lafayette monument after the center of accumulation of District business which the reservation had been forbidden it calls for the extension to the capital of This plan, too, was frustrated and the From the Columbus Oblo State Journal. every hour of time that can possibly be Lafayette was given the place it now spared on the "District day" account dur- occupies, which has proved to be the ing the present session.

Unfortunately the Commissioners are sequent supplementing of that sculpture wholly dependent upon the will of Con- by the Rochambeau, the Kosciuszko and ress for legislation with which to now the von Steuben. It only remains strengthen their hands and to give them now for Congress to recognize the emia more effective municipal administration, nently superior claims of George Washnot alone in the approval of specific projects, but in the mere consideration of the local business. The other day Chair- in the days of sorest need. man Smith of the House District committee in an interview printed in The Star announced his intention to demand from the House the full allowance of time contemplated by the calendar for the ceed Mr. McEnery a man who, like him, transaction of District business. It is to tavors protection for the state's principal be hoped that he will be able to accom- products, sugar and rice. That was to be measures to a vote in circumstances cal-senators have been protectionists respect- tunate. culated to give satisfactory results. The Commissioners' report discloses a stituents, but Mr. McEnery regarded the

wholesome state of affairs. They point tariff as more than a local question. He te an improvement in the business meth- favored protection for every American From the Springfield Union. ods at the District building, and they ask industry that needed it, and voted as he for legislative enactments enabling them felt. to put the entire District machinery on a basis of efficiency and economy. The fact that they are asking for larger forces, new institutions, changes in the laws and the correction of abuses is a sign that the District is actually progreesing toward the municipal ideal. If what they are now recommending is when economy is suggested almost two for a quarter, of which some purporanted Washington will have gone far every man is inclined to turn the discharges desire only one. The half-cent small in comparison with the results at-

The recent message to Congress was possibly intended to demonstrate that President may be thoroughly in earnest about what he says without losing his

Chicago musical critics are sadly lacking in respect for performances that come along with the prestige of being a "great New York success

classes in the key of an appeal to the The new nationalist party has not yet Senate to surrender a portion of its quasibegun to crowd the old political organiexecutive power, urging that this change zations very seriously. would be in the interest of good administration and efficiency of service. Unques-

Louisville and the Governors. The hospitable people of Louisville are agrees with the President in this recom accessed of destroying the recent program mendation. The men who handle the of the house of governors. They had so mails should be non-partisan officials of much to show their distinguished guests, the federal administration. Under the and acquitted themselves as hosts so present system they are parts of a politiwell, they changed the whole order of cal machine. The distribution of these things. There was a feast of more than offices in the form of political patronage reason, and a flow of more than soul. go- has always involved all engaged in it in ciability usurped the place of ceremony. serious difficulties. For every one appropriate the syracuse Herald. Several officials who had prepared able pointed dozens are disappointed. It is the We have ample was papers for discussion returned home with experience of every national legislator these cold waves, but somehow we can't their papers unread. Others read papers, who has to do with the distribution of but to languid audiences, and got few such offices that they are a disadvantage

illuminating responses. The spirit of the rather than a political asset, and proboccasion was festive rather than severe. | ably every member of the Senate would

on this Louisville meeting. Let the gov- naming postmasters. The President does ernors of the different states come to- well to address himself in this respect gether annually, by all means. And let directly to the Senate and to ask it to them be accompanied by their wives and relinquish the power of confirmation daughters. But why for solemn discuss which clinches the prerogative of patsicn? Do not they have enough of that ronage. The extension of the civil serv WEDNESDAY ... December 7, 1910 at home? Are they not daily in the throes los system to include all postmasters of official responsibility? Do they not would unquestionably improve the postal wrestle for months at a time with legi - administration and enable those charged latures-some of them very chdurate? with this immense business responsibility Why go abroad to talk of home problems to discharge it more economically and and difficulties, and in turn listen to the more effectively than at present. An igproblems and difficulties of others?

groups, exchange the latest stories, re-

If put upon this basis these meetings

should become the most interisting and

attractive known to our public life. What

governor and his family would not hail

The Square of the Revolution.

With the unveiling today of the

statue of Baron von Steuben, the reserva-

There is a sentiment, it is true, against

Louisiana.

ing the particular interests of their con-

An automobile in a snowdrift

vance a divine right argument.

reform than the foot ball rules.

The Postal Patronage.

The President frankly pitches his recom-

mendation for the inclusion in the classi-

fled civil service of postmasters of all

the region of "practical" politics, heartily

fords a convincing reminder that the

horse is still a highly useful factor in

Louisiana sends to the Senate to suc-

an easy way?

lay aside care for at least a week every public efficiency. year, and enjoy themselves in the com-Suffragettes have been warned that the pany of one another. If they should care society at the polls may be rather proto talk shop a little, let it be done informally. Why assemble in a g eat hal, miscuous. By going to jail they prove that they are above insisting on associaelect a chairman, and go through, with all the stately forms of public busines? tions of formal politeness. Why not, rather, pair off, or divide up into

Festivity is the thing. Let these offi- in this respect will simply mean that Con-

ials gather for social purposes. Let them | gress thinks more of patronage than of

It is quite probable that Uncle Joe Canlate the brightest of recent official experinon will be able to go through one sesences, and hearten, and be heartened, in sion of Congress without being called a

noring of the President's recommendation

Makers of ladies' costumes are naturally anxious to put the hobble skirt out of commission as soon as possible and meeting time? What city would not be open the market to new designs.

tinguished, and moved by so pleasant a Jack Johnson may be appealing to the X-rays to decide the question of whether A po'iceman's let is not a happy one. it is possible for a man in his profession Neither is a governor's. He is often a to have more money than brains. screly tried public servant. He can-

not please everybody, and it sometimes A snowplow is a cheery and inspiring happens that he pleases nobody. Let sight, even though there is no risk of its him, therefore, refresh himself with skidding or breaking a propeller.

> The present session of Congress will be distinguished by some of the most notable farewell appearances ever announced.

And if the worst should come there could be a committee to supervise the selection of a committee on committees.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Test of Importance.

the public influence that he once en-

His remarks are no longer of sufficient importance to be contradicted President of the United States and the

"Of course, you know that gentleman

"Yes," replied the grand opera singers man in whose aid the European soldiers "I learned it just in time, and sent him The question was much discussed after and friends of liberty came to the new about his business. The idea of his try-Speaker Reed had revised the rules of the world, who commanded their respect and ing to work his way into my affections as

An Arctic Suspicion. An' breakin' in de roofs;

'Speck dat norf pole's somewhere 'round An' bringin' all its proofs.

Impoliteness. "It was very impolite of you to talk so

emplacement in an insignificant circle off loud at the theater." "Impolite!" replied Miss Cayenne. tude of democratic senators on the Cum- be too much to ask that this latter "You ought to have heard what some of

Parental Sacrifices.

"I suppose you enjoy hearing your daughter perform on the piano?" "No," replied Mr. Cumrox; "whenever that matter, to a definite line of any of the first President for installation in she plays anything I enjoy I know it kind. The Baileyites and the Bryanites this most significant and appropriate res- ain't the classical sort her instructors insist on, and I have to reprove her."

Endless Endeavor. its present position, but that sentiment The boys who lived upon our street

Built massive fortresses of snow Of other boys-the hapless foe. Jackson could be installed without loss And statues of strange form and size of prestige or honor. In this connection We wrought; and oft displayed our skill it may be recalled that about twenty On mighty spheres and sent each prize years ago an attempt was made to place 'Mid laughter rolling down the hill.

The battlements have left no trace; And much beside, too slight to last, Has risen but to be effaced. But laughter still rings clear and sweet Where youthful hearts are all aglow; Are building fortresses of snow.

The Best Civic Beauty.

most logical position in view of the subapplies to'a city: If a city be full of laweseness, racket, noises, bickering, scandal, contention, is is not the city beautifulit is the city ugly. Order is heaven's first law everywhere, and a city is no excep-tion. Letting things go helter-skelter is a losing business. Let a man deface his ington to the supreme place in the cen-ter of this inspiring group of our friends erty. Let the city do an ill piece of work, or permit another to do it, and the welfare of the whole community is weakened. Civic life is the main thing. It is for that fine streets and structures are encouraged. The true civic life implies things that are positive—purity, honor, cleanliness, de-cency, order, quiet. Behavior is the first thing a city needs to take care of if it wants to guard its own honor or welfare. Respectability is not in money, pish this purpose, and, furthermore, that expected. But will he go as far as Mr. houses nor lands-it is in conduct, and he can secure the attendance of a quorum McEnery did, and vote for protection as right conduct is a utility, an advantage on District days and bring the pending a general proposition? All Louisiana to a community. When that is not rightly prized, a community is very unfor-

A Half Cent?

Resumption of coinage of the half cent piece is being agitated in some quarters, the principal argument advanced in its favor being that it would save money t most. In all cases now where the half cent figures in the price of an article the dealer gets the benefit of the odd half cent unless the customer purchases two of the articles. There are many things what they wanted at its exact price. If the demand for the half penny becomes general Congress, no doubt, will give heed None of the members of England's to it and order a resumption of its coin house of lords has the temerity to ad- age.

In Spite of Drawbacks.

California's increase in population dur-ng the past decade has been remarkable. Earthquakes, dynamite explosions, graft exposures and railroad bossism have not availed to deter the wonderful progress toward greatness of the delightful daughter of the golden west.

Back to Duty.

From the Nashville Banner. Senator Tillman of South Carolina has sufficiently recovered his health to make life in the Senate worth living, if not at his accustomed high tension. tionably the country at large, outside of

Can Afford to Farm. From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

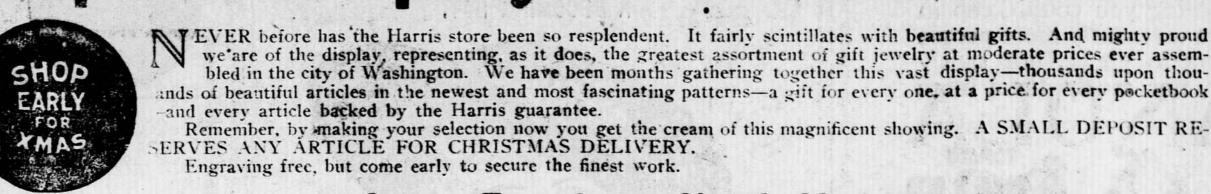
When the president of the New York Central retires he is going to be a farmer. He can afford to be an agriculturist.

They Catch Us.

Diaz Is It. From the Chicago Tribune.

Good for these Kentucky folk! They have secretly welcome the proposed change given to this movement the proper twist. whereby they were relieved of the responting that he is not the president of Mexilla future meetings should be patterned sibility which goes with the privilege of ico to the extent that he thought he was.

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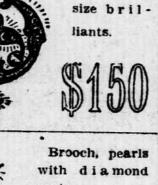


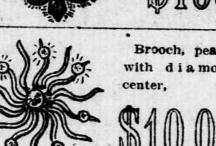
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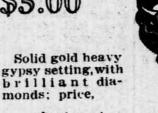
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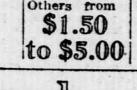
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